

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: WOODBINE MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS UTILITY	DOCKET NO. TCU-01-22
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION AND
APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS**

(Issued December 18, 2001)

On November 6, 2001, Woodbine Municipal Communications Utility (WMCU) filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (2001), stating its intention to provide local exchange service to both business and residential customers in an exchange served by Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom). The application has been identified as Docket No. TCU-01-22. WMCU has provided the qualifications of its company officers and financial statements and has stated it will support a 2-PIC methodology for dialing parity.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the Board finds the service is consistent with the public interest."

The Board has reviewed WMCU's application and finds the necessary technical, financial, and managerial abilities to provide local exchange service have been demonstrated. It is in the public interest to approve WMCU's application.

WMCU also states that its service area will mirror the Woodbine exchange service map of Iowa Telecom as it is currently filed and as it may be modified in the future. Iowa Code § 476.29(4) requires that each certificate define the service territory in which land-line local telephone service will be provided and authorizes the Board to promulgate rules establishing requirements for filing maps showing the service territory. Subrule 199 IAC 22.20(3) requires that all utilities have maps on file with the Board, which show exchange boundaries. The Board finds that WMCU has complied with the statutory and rule requirements by concurring in Iowa Telecom's exchange map.

WMCU has not filed proposed tariffs for Board approval setting out the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. The Board finds that a certificate should not be issued to WMCU until it has approved tariffs on file with the Board.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Woodbine Municipal Communications Utility on November 6, 2001, is granted, subject to the requirements that follow.

2. The Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing Woodbine Municipal Communications Utility to provide local exchange

service upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa. At the time Woodbine Municipal Communications Utility files proposed tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected carriers.

3. The concurrence in the map and boundaries of the Woodbine exchange of Iowa Telecom is approved.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 18th day of December, 2001.